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Admiral Bobby R. Inman, ~~VADM~~
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Inman:

I write as chairman of the Federal Relations Committee of the International Studies Association. As I think you are aware, the International Studies Association (ISA) is the principal association of professors and practitioners in the field of international politics and economics, the membership consisting principally of professors of international relations on college and university campuses nationwide.

You have spoken eloquently in the past about the need for careful international relations research to back up the national security needs of the United States. Obviously this is a major concern to the members of the International Studies Association, especially so with the changing priorities for the support of research under the Reagan Administration. It appears to many professors in this field that there is increased interest in such research activity on the part of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, and other agencies, but perhaps with offsetting deemphasis coming from the National Science Foundation and other sources. What the shifts in funding sources and priorities portend is of course of great interest to the ISA members as they direct their research.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, on Thursday, March 25, 1982, the International Studies Association will be holding its annual meeting. I have been authorized by the executive committee of the International Studies Association to extend an invitation for you to appear before a plenary session of the meeting to discuss Reagan Administration research priorities in the field of international relations. We would plan to invite selected high level scholars in the field, as well as appropriate representatives from NSC and the U.S. Department of Defense. Given your leadership in this area, your role is particularly invited, and we think what you have to say would be pivotal. You would be the central figure at this session.

There is some flexibility on the precise date and time -- the meeting will occur between Wednesday and Saturday of that week -- but I think March 25 would be the optimal date if it agreed with your interests and calendar. We would be pleased to afford you every courtesy and consideration, and I would be happy to work with you and members of your staff in facilitating your appearance. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Parenthetically, in the period of time before next March, I am the designee of the International Studies Association to ascertain more clearly the position of the Reagan Administration on international relations research. If there are appropriate members of your staff with whom I could engage in some

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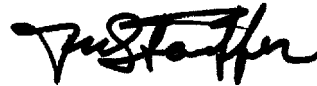
preliminary discussions in this regard, I would be pleased if you could direct me to them. I believe that a healthy dialogue early on would help set mutually beneficial directions, and probably go a long way to clearing the air of any doubts or suspicions. I think that quality of research that I know needs doing would be facilitated thereby. Certainly, ISA members are interested in future research directions.

In behalf of the International Studies Association, I hope that you will find these requests agreeable and possible. Again, I will do everything possible to help increase the flow of information between the CIA, other instrumentalities of the Reagan Administration, and the international studies community.

As you will please note from my letterhead, I am located at the American Council on Education. Let me note that this inquiry comes just at the behest of the International Studies Association and has no direct or official involvement with the American Council on Education. You may however direct your response to me at the American Council on Education at the address noted above.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,



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Director (ACE)
Chairman, ISA
Federal Relations
Committee

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23 November 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Policy and Planning

THROUGH: Director, External Affairs Staff, OPP

FROM: Coordinator for Academic Relations, EAS/OPP

SUBJECT: Invitation to DDCI to Address Annual Convention
of International Studies Association

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1. I met with D/NFAC and C/NIC on 20 November to discuss a possible speech on "Reagan Administration research priorities in the field of international relations" by Admiral Inman before the annual convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) at Cincinnati in March 1982. The invitation was contained in a letter (attached) from Thomas Stauffer, the Chairman of the Federal Relations Committee of the ISA. Both John McMahon and [REDACTED] urged rejection of the invitation on the grounds that it would be inappropriate for the DDCI to speak on what is essentially a policy matter. They both suggested that a more appropriate speaker could be found in INR or, possibly, OMB.

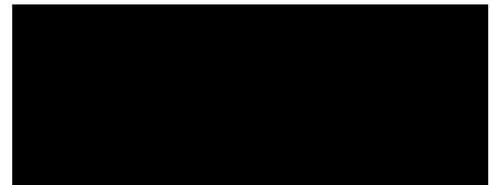
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2. Subsequently, I phoned Raymond Platig, Director of External Research in INR and a personal friend, to solicit his comments. Platig and I agreed that a major problem for any speaker attempting to address the topic of research priorities in international relations for this administration is that none have yet been established. Platig, who knows Stauffer, said that he would be willing to talk with the latter on the general subject of research priorities (or lack thereof) if I wished to refer Stauffer to him. Platig also had a few comments on individuals knowledgeable on the subject and would be willing to discuss these people with Stauffer as well. (One of these individuals is Professor Robert Ward of Stanford who has been meeting with a number of officials in Washington, including Hugh Montgomery of CIA and Andy Marshall of Defense, on the issue of research priorities. Ward would not, of course, fill Stauffer's request for a spokesman for the administration. Henry Rowen, who knows Ward well, agreed that he is one of the best informed academicians on the subject.)

3. If the DDCI chooses not to address the annual convention of the ISA, I would propose to contact Stauffer informally, tell him that the DDCI will be unable to be present for the meeting in Cincinnati and refer him to Platig for a further discussion of research priorities. Meanwhile, a formal response to the invitation to Admiral Inman could be prepared.

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Attachment:
As stated